

Remarks

Currently pending are claims 30-37 and 39-49. Amended claim 30 includes the limitations of claim 38. Accordingly, claim 38 has been cancelled. In view of the amendments above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

**35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Examiner rejected claims 30-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamura et al. (US 2002/0132872). Applicants respectfully submit Yamamura et al. (US 2002/0132872) is not a proper reference under 102(b). Nevertheless, Applicants believe the present set of claims are novel for the following reason.

As amended, claim 30 of the present application recites a photocurable composition which includes reactive particles comprising a crosslinked elastomeric core and a shell of reactive groups on an outer surface of the crosslinked elastomeric core wherein the crosslinked elastomeric core comprises a crosslinked polysiloxane material.

In comparison, Yamamura et al. discloses a composition which includes elastomer particles which can be of the core-shell type, the core being "partially crosslinked polybutadiene, polyisoprene, styrene/butadiene copolymer, styrene/isoprene copolymer, ethylene/propylene copolymer, ethylene/*n*-olefin/polyene copolymer, acrylic rubber, butadiene/(meth)acrylate copolymer, styrene/butadiene block copolymer, or styrene/isoprene block copolymer." Yamamura et al. at page 7, [0075]. Nowhere does Yamamura et al. disclose or suggest reactive particles having a crosslinked elastomeric

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core comprising a crosslinked polysiloxane material as presently claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

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